PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) | |
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| MASAYUKI YAMADA, et al. | : | Examiner: Michael C. Colucci |
| Application No.: 10/799,645 | : | Group Art Unit: 2626 |
| Filed: March 15, 2004 | ; | |
| For: DATA PROCESSING METHOD AND DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS |) :) | December 30, 2008 |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request For Continued Examination has been filed, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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